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Applicant: ZHOU, Xingxi et al. Conf.: 7901
Appl. No.: 09/914,548 Group: 3641
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For: BASIC METAL NITRATE, PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME AND GAS GENERATING
AGENT COMPOSITION

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Sir:

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In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 1,
2002, the due date for response having been extended two (2) months
to January 1, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are
respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified
application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice to or disclaimer
of the subject matter contained therein.

Amend claims 23-40, 46, 52, 56, 58, 65, 69, and 73 so
that claims 23-74 herein read as follows:

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